

## ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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## **SMALL GRAIN EMERGENCE INCREASES**

Alfalfa harvest was reported as 78 percent not being harvested, 16 percent light, and 6 percent moderate. Alfalfa condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Sheeping-off increased slightly compared to the previous week, being reported as light to active.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 13 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 30 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Livestock was reported to be in fair to good condition for the month of January. Stock Water was reported as short to adequate while Soil Moisture was reported as short. Insect Damage was reported as none to light.

**Small grain** emergence showed marked increases over last week. As of February 4, 83 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 79 percent of **Barley**, 83 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 70 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as emerged.

Last week, temperatures throughout the state remained above average for the fourth week in a row. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Willcox to 7 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 81 degrees at

Parker and Coolidge while the lowest reading was 8 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. Canyon De Chelly, Grand Canyon, and Winslow reported receiving small amounts of precipitation, while all other stations reported zero.

Central Arizona producers shipped a variety of vegetables last week including bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, dandelion, dill, endive, escarole, flowering kale, green onions, kale, kohlrabi, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, napa, parsley, romaine, spinach and Eastern Arizona producers swiss chard. shipped hot house tomatoes. Producers in western Arizona also shipped a wide variety of vegetables including anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, broccolini, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, radicchio, salad savoy, spinach and swiss chard. Western lettuce and salad/salad mixes shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine, specialty leaf and spring mix.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested lemons, navels, grapefruit, minneolas, fairchild tangerines and tangelos. Western citrus producers harvested grapefruit, lemons and tangelos last week.

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## TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 5, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Buckeye 3/							
Canyon De Chelly	34	2	61	8	0.12	0.31	0.82
Casa Grande	53	4	79	37	0.00	0.00	0.83
Coolidge	53	3	81	33	0.00	0.04	0.88
Douglas	46	2	74	19	0.00	0.01	0.83
Flagstaff	30	5	57	13	0.00	0.53	2.39
Gila Bend	56	2	79	38	0.00	0.08	0.75
Grand Canyon	29	7	61	13	0.05	1.55	1.54
Kingman	45	4	67	26	0.00	0.01	1.07
Parker	56	4	81	41	0.00	0.00	0.70
Payson	40	4	67	21	0.00	0.41	2.31
Phoenix	55	5	76	44	0.00	0.01	0.77
Prescott Airport	40	3	66	22	0.00	0.13	1.16
Safford Ag Center	45	4	73	29	0.00	0.13	0.83
Tucson	53	3	78	33	0.00	0.10	0.98
Willcox	44	1	69	19	0.00	0.08	1.09
Winslow	36	4	66	14	0.04	0.14	0.51
Yuma	59	3	77	46	0.00	0.00	0.40

<sup>1/</sup> Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

<sup>2/</sup> Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

<sup>3/</sup> Not available.